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For more information on the City of Littleton's COVID-19 response, visit littletongov.org/covid-19.

Littleton to Receive CARES Act Relief Funds

The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing distribution of the approximately \$114.5 million the county received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The funds will be used to bolster recovery from the COVID public health crisis, and county officials will monitor and distribute them with a commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency.

While the CARES Act does not require any local government to transfer funds directly to other communities, the board recognized that Arapahoe County’s municipalities also have incurred unexpected costs related to their response to COVID-19. The county will share \$51.5 million directly with its 13 communities. Littleton will receive \$4,199,211 from Arapahoe County and \$210,202 from Jefferson County. On May 19, the city council approved Intergovernmental Agreements with both counties regarding distribution of the funds.

At the May 26 study session, Finance Director Tiffany Hooten presented the council with a phasing plan and priorities which include: alignment with council goals and Littleton RISE (Recover, Innovate, Stabilize, Envision) objectives, reduction of redundancy with county or state initiatives, partnership opportunities for regional impacts, and contingency planning for a second wave. The staff is recommending the expenditure of almost \$1.2 million including a second round of business recovery grants and rental assistance; screening, guards and PPE for public buildings; telecommuting equipment and more. The expenditures must be reviewed by the county for approval. In June there will be another study session with council providing an update on Phase I and recommendations for Phase II.



Survey Reveals Impact of COVID-19 on Residents

The City of Littleton created a survey for residents in early May to learn more about the impacts of COVID-19 to their daily life. The Open Littleton platform was used with links posted across all social media channels.

Over a ten-day period, there were 902 visitors and 746 responses. More than 85 percent of respondents said they are Littleton residents.

While more than 36 percent of respondents said, “none of their essential needs have been impacted by COVID-19,” the majority have been negatively affected in one or more ways. “Family, school, and daycare has been closed” was a concern for 28.4 percent of respondents, while 24.9 percent said they have “lost work because their job was closed, cut shifts, or lost projects.” More than 21 percent said, “Healthcare essential appointments have been canceled,” and 20.3 percent reported that their “business is experiencing loss of revenue.”

Respondents had the opportunity to share their concerns in an open-ended question. There were 431 responses from

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Littleton Center Reopens with Limited Public Access

The Littleton Center reopened May 18 with very limited public access. The front door of the Littleton Center will remain locked. Access will be limited and everyone entering the building will be required to wear a mask and practice six-foot distancing. Meeting areas and public spaces will be rigorously disinfected throughout the day.

Setting an appointment:

- Check the website first to see if the need can be addressed virtually,
- If virtual is not possible, call the number listed in the table for the limited services available.

| TYPES OF APPOINTMENTS | HOURS/DAYS OFFERED | CALL TO SET APPT. |
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| Development plan submittals | Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | 720-306-1606 |
| One-on-one liquor license review with applicants | Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | 303-795-3780 |
| Payment of sewer bills requiring paper receipt, tax questions, and dropping off property tax information for senior refunds | Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | 303-795-3956 |
| Police records | Wednesdays and Fridays 9 to 11 a.m. | 303-795-3880 |

The Littleton Municipal Court reopened June 1 with a limited schedule. Visit littletongov.org/court.

The Bemis Library and Littleton Museum remain closed but are offering many online programs. See pages 6-7.

For more information visit littletongov.org/covid-19.

COVID-19 Impact Survey

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teachers, retirees, restaurant workers, ride-sharing drivers, health care workers and more. Opinions varied on when public health orders should be lifted. Many expressed feeling isolated and missing their friends, family and coworkers. Some worried about grocery shopping, paying rent, preexisting health conditions, and caring for loved ones.

The city council and staff will use this information to inform decisions about programs and services moving forward. In the meantime, the city reminds residents that there are many resources available to help them get through this difficult time:

- Nourish Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals to seniors 60 and older and adults who are homebound due to illness or disability. Contact them at 303-798-7642 or online at [NourishMealsOnWheels.org](https://www.NourishMealsOnWheels.org).
- Colorado Crisis Services provides free, confidential, professional and immediate support for any mental health, substance use or emotional concern, 24/7/365. Call 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to speak to a trained professional.
- Love, Inc.'s Connection Center, based in Littleton, offers many services to help identify and solve problems through its network of churches. Call the Helpline at 303-794-5683 or complete an online form at [LoveInCLittleton.org](https://www.LoveInCLittleton.org).
- 2-1-1 Colorado is a confidential multilingual service connecting people to vital resources across the state. 2-1-1 helps Coloradans find emergency shelter, food, rental and utility assistance, child care, health care and more. Visit [211colorado.org](https://www.211colorado.org), call 2-1-1, or 866-760-6489 toll free.
- Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) has joined Food Bank of the Rockies' Emergency Support Team. IFCS will assist people in need of food assistance by contacting them to schedule an appointment. To arrange for a grocery box pick-up, call 303-789-0501. To register for future surveys, visit [OpenLittleton.org](https://www.OpenLittleton.org).

FAA and Littleton

Littleton City Manager Mark Relph has sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) providing formal comment on the recently released Denver Metroplex Final Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

According to the FAA, its "Metroplex initiatives are improving traffic flow and reducing congestion in major metropolitan areas across the country. Metroplexes – metropolitan areas with multiple airports and complex air traffic flows – provide a successful way to de-conflict airspace in congested areas with multiple airports, which expands efficiency gains that ripple to other areas."

During the summer of 2019, flight patterns for DIA were altered for 45 days to support runway construction and flight traffic moved to patterns with lower flight paths over areas southwest of the airport. These patterns paralleled the proposed Denver Metroplex routes. The City of Littleton, as well as other communities, saw a 50-fold increase in complaints about air traffic and noise. "The proposed Denver Metroplex Plan has significant unmitigated impacts to the quality of life, health, welfare, and safety for the citizens of Littleton," Relph said. "The city believes an extension of the review period and not an immediate endorsement of the FONSI is warranted, and that the FAA be required to consider the impacts of the new approaches over far more densely-populated areas at altitudes less than 3,000 feet above ground level."

Relph assured the FAA that the city seeks to play an active role in future investigations and discussions about proposed Denver Metroplex alternatives. For more information on Metroplex, visit www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_involvement.



High Line Canal Stormwater Transition

In Littleton, a one-mile stretch of the historic High Line Canal is one of the first projects to bring new life and a renewed utility to the canal as part of the Stormwater Transformation and Enhancement Program led by the High Line Canal Conservancy.

The transition of this section of canal has initiated increased tree trimming and removal to maintain a safe trail and healthy tree canopy as part of the canal-wide Tree Canopy Care Project, paving the way for a new and healthier generation of vegetation and trees.

The City of Littleton is partnering with the developer of a three-home parcel along the canal to allow a new flow of stormwater into the canal at Windermere Street. Stormwater – precipitation that runs off impervious surfaces and eventually flows into waterways – will drain into the canal and filter naturally back into Lee Gulch cleaner than when it entered. Residents and trail users have seen an increase in tree maintenance in this area in preparation for the stormwater management project. Maintenance crews have trimmed and removed priority trees, identified as dead or dying in the 2016 tree inventory of nearly 24,000 trees along the 71-mile corridor.

As a part of this project, the City of Littleton will take over maintenance and management responsibilities of the canal from Windermere Street to Lee Gulch. For questions or concerns regarding the canal in this section, contact Littleton Public Works at 303-795-3863.



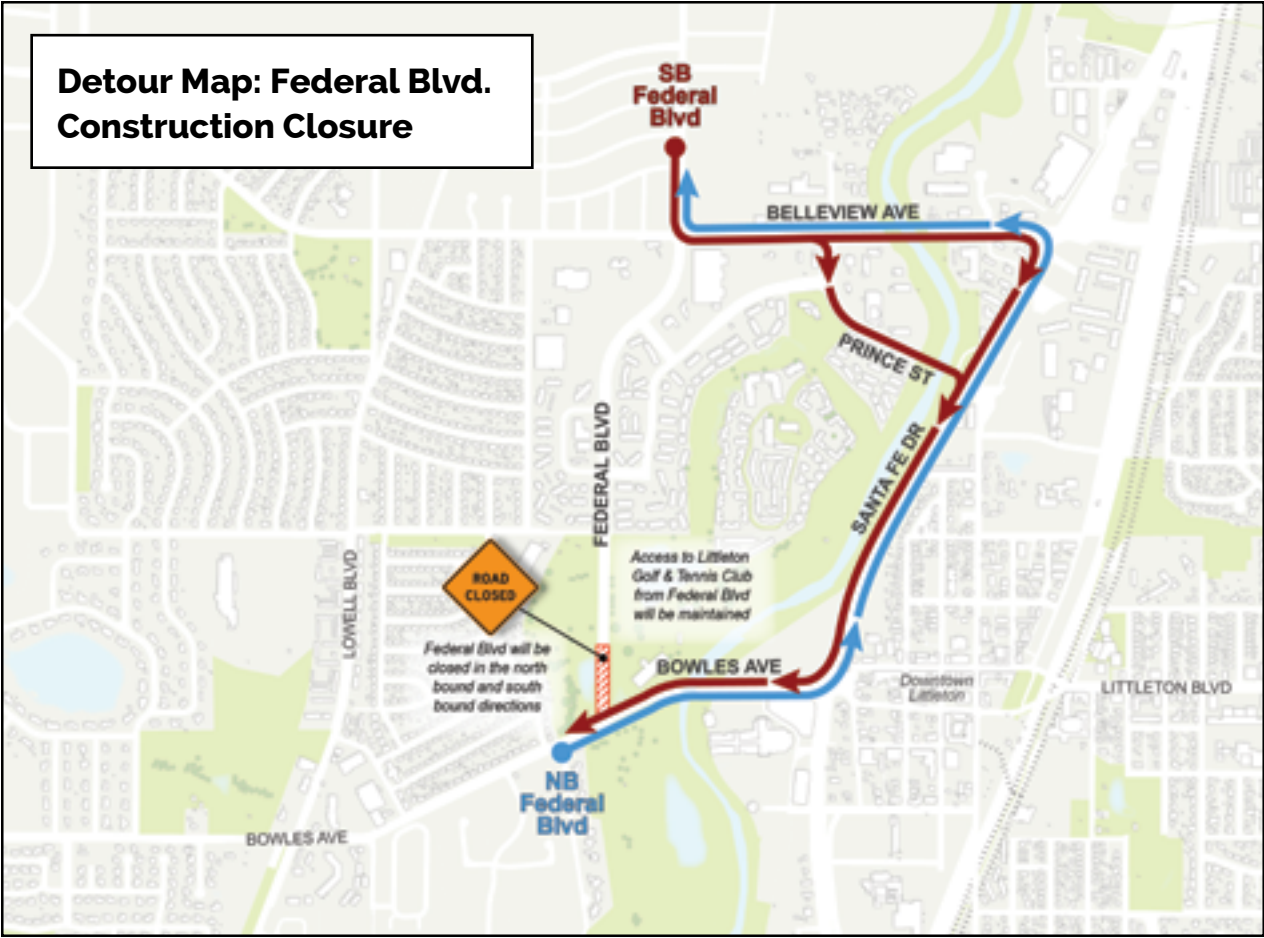
Noise Violations

Owners of hot rods, sports cars and motorcycles might be tempted to modify a vehicle's exhaust system. The Littleton Police Department (LPD) wants to remind car owners to be conscious of the noise a vehicle makes and be considerate of neighbors and other road users. While Colorado state law does not prohibit the alteration of a vehicle's stock exhaust, it does state that modification to a vehicle's exhaust cannot "amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle." What this means is that if a new muffler or exhaust system is louder than the original, the driver can be cited.

Federal Boulevard Closure

Construction began at the intersection of Federal and Bowles during the first week of June. Voters approved the TABOR override in 2017, providing \$545,000 for upgrades. This is enough funding to move forward with safety improvements, but not enough for the ultimate intersection changes.

The work will implement safety improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicular traffic. The Federal and Bowles intersection has the highest accident rate of any intersection in the city not involving Santa Fe Drive. This location has a history of accidents related to sight lines for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists as well as having a mix of arterial streets and recreational trails. The location carries 46,000 vehicles daily and in the last five years, 108 accidents occurred including three involving bicycles and pedestrians.



Council Adopts Goals and Objectives

The Littleton City Council Adopted its Goals and Objectives at its April 21 meeting following a study session on April 14. The council and staff held a workshop February 1 to develop a work plan for the upcoming year with action steps and a schedule. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended that process.

There will no doubt be lasting impacts from the pandemic that will require significant work ahead to meet both immediate needs and reallocate resources to maintain services in the longer term. As a result, staff has revised the work plan and will continue to monitor all items and will provide another update in July or August. Following are the goals and objectives for 2020-2021:

Goal 1: Quality Community - Envision Littleton

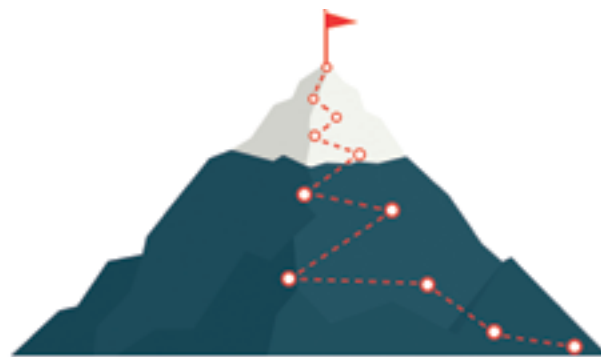
- Objective 1: Unified Land Use Code
- Objective 2: Additional Code Enhancements
- Objective 3: Littleton Engineering Design Standards (LEDS)
- Objective 4: Economic Development Strategic Planning

Goal 2: Financial Sustainability

- Objective 1: Evaluate & Prioritize Existing Programs and Services (Priority Based Budgeting)
- Objective 2: Evaluate Fees for Services (Fee Structures)
- Objective 3: Identify, Assess, and Prioritize Long-Term Capital Needs (Long-Term Capital Needs)
- Objective 4: Identify and Assess Opportunities for Funding (Long-Term Funding Needs)

Goal 3: Good Governance

- Objective 1: High Performing Organization
- Objective 2: Strategic Communications
- Objective 3: Strategic Partnerships
- Objective 4: Technology Strategic Planning



Home Depot Thanks Littleton Police

Officers with the Littleton Police Department (LPD) received a pleasant surprise from some Home Depot employees recently. They delivered buckets full of snacks and a note thanking LPD for all they do.



2020 Littleton Twilight Criterium Canceled

After considerable discussion with USA Crits, the Criterium race director, sponsors and staff, the City of Littleton has decided to cancel the 2020 Littleton Twilight Criterium due to the impact of COVID-19. The event was in its 8th year and has been held in Downtown Littleton on the first Saturday in August since 2013.

"We are very disappointed to have to cancel this year's event," said Littleton Marketing and Events Manager Elizabeth Scofield. "Based on surveys conducted by USA Crits, up to 30 percent of racers aren't comfortable competing this year. With no end in sight to the virus, social distancing protocols, and public health orders that prevent large gatherings of people, this is the only choice we could make at this time. We plan to come back bigger and better in 2021."

LIFT Abolished

At its February 4 meeting, the Littleton City Council voted to repeal the Columbine Square Urban Renewal Area and abolish the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow (LIFT) Urban Renewal Authority.

Columbine Square is the property located at the southwest corner of Federal and Bellevue. The Columbine Square Urban Renewal Area was created in late 2014 following a determination of 'blight' as defined by state law. For over five years, the LIFT board tried to identify specific undertakings or activities to accomplish the purposes of the urban renewal law, but despite its best efforts, it was unable to implement specific development proposals.

LIFT will be abolished, and the urban renewal plan will be repealed as of August 13, 2020. LIFT will remit to the City of Littleton approximately 97 percent of its funds with the remaining three percent held to cover operating costs and refunds to taxing entities. The funds were reallocated to award grants to small businesses struggling during COVID-19. More information on those grants can be found on page 8.

Budget Award

For the 13th consecutive year, the City of Littleton is the recipient of The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This notable accomplishment reflects the commitment of the city staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

4th of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show Canceled

After consulting with event partners, including the cities of Sheridan and Englewood, Arapahoe County, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the 2020 4th of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show has been canceled.

"I know how disappointing it is to cancel this family tradition," said City Manager Mark Relph. "Right now, there are too many uncertainties to hold an event that draws tens of thousands of people," he added.

The city is taking a wait-and-see approach with the remainder of the summer events calendar and will plan accordingly as new COVID-19 guidelines are released. Check the city's website and social media channels for the latest event updates.

Envision Littleton Unified Land Use Code

Envision Littleton began in March 2018 as a multi-year and multi-milestone commitment to listen, learn, and create a plan for the next 20 years. The next step is to update land use codes/zoning and transition to a Unified Land Use Code to further the goals and objectives of the city's Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan adopted on October 15, 2019. For information about the project, including upcoming interactive webinars, visit EnvisionLittleton.org.

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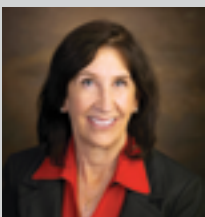
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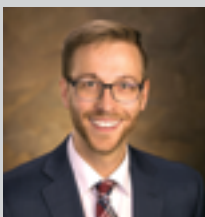
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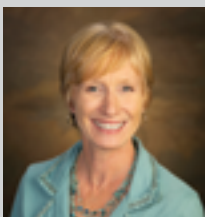
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Downtown Littleton Free Public Parking

In an effort to better direct Downtown Littleton patrons to free public parking, the city has installed new signs to help guide motorists to these locations. The city is partnering with Arapahoe County and Arapahoe Community College (ACC) to make available and help identify additional spaces.

In developing this project, city staff worked with the Transportation and Mobility Board to create a concise sign package that would not overwhelm downtown with sign pollution detracting from the aesthetics of this beautiful space.



See, Click, Fix

The City of Littleton has launched an updated dashboard to track issues and requests by citizens. Littleton is revising the 'See, Click, Fix' app that many residents are already familiar with. This app allows residents who identify an issue to report it directly to the city. From potholes to graffiti and much more, the city works hard to maintain and improve Littleton's infrastructure, and input from residents is extremely valued. The new updated app includes enhancements as well as security patches. Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the latest 'See Click Fix' app. The former app, Click & Fix Littleton, is no longer supported. For more information visit littletongov.org and search See, Click, Fix.



Temporary Outdoor Expansion Program

The City of Littleton has developed a program to allow restaurants and businesses to expand their outdoor space. They can now apply for a Temporary Outdoor Expansion to allow them to temporarily expand into outdoor spaces adjacent to their building such as sidewalks, parking spaces and select streets with the property owner's permission. The city will ensure that safety, mobility, and local and emergency access are maintained.

Outdoor patios for restaurants must close by 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and by 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. This program is available through September 7, at which time the city may evaluate a potential extension.

For more information or an application visit littletongov.org.

Testing Wastewater for Coronavirus

Public health data is the newest valuable resource being mined from sewage at the South Platte Water Renewal Partners (SPWRP) wastewater treatment plant. The facility is participating in an ongoing effort to combat COVID-19, by collecting wastewater samples for viral testing. The results of these tests help experts make community health decisions.

Every week, SPWRP chemists collect a sample of wastewater to analyze the levels of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Wastewater samples are taken over a 24-hour period by a robotic sampler. These samples are sent to a laboratory in Massachusetts for testing. SPWRP began this program on March 29 and hopes to continue throughout the duration of the Coronavirus crisis.

The company on the receiving end of these samples is called Biobot Analytics. Biobot is a collaboration between researchers at MIT, Harvard, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Biobot analyzes raw sewage to estimate Coronavirus infection. The company tests samples from over 385 sites, across 42 states. The testing detects genetic fingerprints of the virus in wastewater. The results are used to estimate cases of Coronavirus within the communities where the samples were taken.

Information obtained through these efforts can help inform community health experts, potentially determine outbreak hot spots, and help detect a second wave of infections.



Littleton Police Partner With Community Organizations to Help People Struggling with Homelessness

As with many cities in the metro area, Littleton has seen an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness within the community.

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has taken several steps to assist those who are struggling with homelessness. Sergeant Tim Kampmann is the supervisor of the Special Enforcement Team which is in charge of community outreach. This includes helping align people struggling with homelessness with the proper resources for things such as mental health, substance abuse addiction, shelter, food and employment.

The department has partnered with several establishments to assist with providing these resources including: North Littleton Promise, AllHealth Network, Life Center of Littleton, Love Inc., South Fellowship Church Food Bank, Mission Hills Church and GraceFull Café.

LPD also works with 'Change the Trend' which is a collaborative team working to mobilize and equip the entities of Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan to constructively engage the issue of homelessness. This team meets weekly and involves several members of the community as well as law enforcement.

LPD has also implemented the Co-Responder Program that pairs patrol officers with a licensed behavioral health specialist from AllHealth Network. The co-responder rides along with officers and responds to calls to assist with the de-escalation of situations, as well as assessment of the food, housing, medical and psychiatric needs of the individual contacted. This program was previously funded for a co-responder in service for 20 hours per week. In 2020, city council supported funding it at 40 hours a week.

The LPD is one of many community partners working collaboratively to address homelessness through partnerships intended to improve the lives of those affected.

Weekends on Main to Launch in June

The City of Littleton, with support from the Littleton Business Chamber and the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association, is launching Weekends on Main, an outdoor seating plan for Main Street restaurants. The concept was created to help restaurants obtain additional seating outside to compensate for the seating lost inside due to social-distancing requirements.

Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic on Fridays at 3 p.m. and reopen Sundays at 9 p.m. so that the street can be set up for al-fresco style dining. Prince, Nevada, and Curtice Streets will remain open to maintain access to businesses on those streets. The million-plus lights on the trees in Downtown Littleton, normally seen only during the holidays, will be illuminated in the evenings. Participating restaurants include McKinners, Grand Station, The Tavern, Born2Bake, Pho Real, The Viewhouse, The Melting Pot, Palenque, The Alley, Smokin Fins, In-Tea, Jake's Brew Bar, and Curds/Nook Coffee. Each will serve food and beverages to diners on tables set in the street in front of their restaurant. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Free parking is available at the Littleton Center and Arapahoe Community College.

The city submitted a plan to Tri-County Health Department describing the program and received approval in late May. It ensures strict requirements for social distancing and other safety issues identified in the state's most recent order concerning restaurants. Weekends on Main is expected to start June 12.

Almost 95 percent of 2,218 respondents who participated in an online survey said they are interested in such a program.



Prepare for Flood Season

In Littleton, the typical flood season is from mid-April to mid-September, due to spring rains or summer high-intensity thunderstorms. Flash flooding from very heavy rain can cause rapid runoff in just a few minutes. It often causes flooding in streets and low lying areas. The numerous small streams in Littleton, such as Little's Creek, Lee Gulch, and Slaughterhouse Gulch are subject to this common type of flooding. At roadway crossings of these creeks, the road surface could flood. Never attempt to cross a flooded road, or walk or bike across a flooded trail.

One way to mitigate the impacts of a flood is to have flood insurance. Premiums can vary depending on the risk at particular properties. Littleton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to any property in the city limits. Flood insurance is available and recommended even if the property or house is not located within a mapped floodplain. Properties located in a FEMA floodplain with a federally-backed mortgage are required to carry flood insurance. Littleton also participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) program which provides discounted flood insurance premiums for residents.

Information about whether a property is located in a floodplain or has other flood risk, is available from the Public Works Department/Engineering staff. Call 303-795-3865 and ask for the Floodplain Administrator. The following information and assistance is available:

- Potential flooding risk at a property
- FEMA floodplain and floodway maps, floodplain elevation information, and flood depths. Information can be retrieved based on address.
- Mile High Flood District floodplain maps, elevations, and depths. Information can be retrieved based on an address.
- Flood insurance information
- Ways to help reduce flood risk at certain properties and financial assistance to do so
- Special flooding situations or history of flooding
- FEMA community number, map panel number, effective dates of the mapping, and the designated flood zone
- Whether the property is located in a special natural area that should be preserved; wetlands, valuable habitat, etc.

The city website also contains a number of resources and information regarding floods. Visit littletongov.org/floodinfo. Stay informed and stay safe.



Extreme Risk Protection Orders


In 2019, Governor Polis signed the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) bill into law and it took effect on January 1, 2020. An ERPO is designed to temporarily prevent individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others from possessing firearms. The ERPO directs a person to surrender their firearms if a family or household member or law enforcement petitions the court. The petitioner must establish evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control or by possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm. Factors that demonstrate such a risk can include violent behavior, threats of self-harm, dangerous mental health crisis, and abuse of drugs or alcohol. As required by law, the Littleton Police Department will serve ERPOs. Visit leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb19-1177 or littletongov.org/police for more information.

Colorado City and County Managers Association Recognizes Littleton Assistant

The Colorado City and County Managers Association recognized Samma Fox, Littleton Assistant to the City Manager, as the 2020 Assistant Manager of the Year at its annual conference. Samma has made outstanding contributions to the city by handling multiple projects across various departments. She is a master of coordination, delegation, and delivering results on time and within budget. She learned her position quickly and finds new efficiencies daily that create a foundation for a lasting, positive culture within the city. Congratulations Samma!



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Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Colorado is one of 35 states known to have an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. EAB is a wood-boring beetle that targets ash trees (*Fraxinus* species) including green and autumn purple ash. EAB kills all untreated ash trees, usually within two or three years of infestation. This is a serious problem as there are an estimated 1.45 million ash trees in the Denver metro area including 50,000 in Littleton.

EAB was first confirmed in Boulder in September 2013 and the area was quickly quarantined to prevent the movement of any ash wood and trees to surrounding areas. Last year EAB was confirmed outside this quarantine area in Broomfield and Westminster. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has repealed the federal quarantine that slowed the proliferation of the pest. It is now just a matter of time before EAB finds its way to Littleton.

There are several systemic insecticide treatments that have proved successful in preventing EAB infestation. When properly applied to the trunk or surrounding soil, they will keep EAB out of a treated tree for two to three years after which another treatment will be required. Other management strategies for dealing with EAB include removing and replacing ash trees with diverse new tree species.

Littleton residents should identify ash trees and make decisions regarding treatment, replanting, or removal of these trees in the coming years. The Colorado Department of Agriculture is the lead agency in the fight against EAB. To learn more visit www.colorado.gov/agmain.



Keep Grease Out of Littleton's Sewers

The City of Littleton staff have seen an increased amount of grease in the sewer in parts of the city. Excessive amounts of cooking grease can cause blockages in the sewer. Things to remember:

- Never pour grease down the drain
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash
- Place a strainer on the kitchen sink drain to catch scraps that can then be put in the trash



Victim Services Volunteer Program

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is seeking volunteers for the victim services unit. Volunteers respond 24-hours a day to assist victims of crime and those who have experienced traumatic events in the City of Littleton.

Volunteers may respond to cases involving:

- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Homicide
- Child abuse
- Suicide
- Traffic fatalities
- Natural death
- Other incidents when requested

Volunteer qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- Live within 30 minutes response time to LPD headquarters
- Have a valid driver's license, reliable vehicle, and insurance
- Submit to a background check
- Able to commit to two 12-hour on-call shifts a month
- Commit to at least one year of service
- Attend mandatory meetings
- Attend 45 hours of initial training

For more information, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 303-795-3703.



A Bandit for Catching Bandits

On February 26, the Littleton Police Department (LPD) welcomed its newest member to the team, K9 Officer Bandit. K9 Bandit joins his partner, Officer Parker Choate, on patrol after they attended a six-week intense training school in Moorepark, California at Gold Coast K9. K9 Bandit is an 18-month old Belgian Malinois/Dutch Shepherd mix who was born to Gold Coast K9 through its newly established breeding program for police K9s. Unlike most K9s, Bandit was raised with the sole purpose of becoming a Police K9.

The LPD is grateful to the Friends of Littleton K9, a non-profit group who donated the funds for the purchase of K9 Bandit, and who continue to support the LPD K9 unit through fundraisers and donations. To become a part of the group, or make a donation, visit friendsofLittletonk9.com.

Littleton Police Partner with Ring

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has partnered with Ring, a home security and surveillance company, to help solve crime. The company developed a free app called "The Neighbors App." It is a digital version of neighborhood watch, a tool used to post crime and security information within a five-mile radius of a home address. Some of the posts include video footage captured on Ring cameras. It is important to note that this is not exclusive to Ring cameras. Those who do not have video surveillance systems are still able to post on the app.

With this application, LPD will further strengthen community partnership and help keep neighborhoods safe. The LPD will use the application to communicate with citizens, view posts, share crime and safety information, and use what's called the 'video request tool.' This will send out a request to people who own a camera in the area of a crime and are willing to share the video. When making the request, LPD will reference a relevant case, and only request videos within a limited time and area. People can choose to aid in the request or choose not to. LPD will not be able to see specific addresses and will not have access to cameras. For more information about the app visit Ring.com.

Denver Water Lead Reduction Program

Although the water that Denver Water provides to customers is lead-free, lead can enter the water as it moves through lead-containing household fixtures, plumbing and water service lines owned by the customer. Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program, which was approved by the EPA and CDPHE in late 2019, officially launched this spring. The Lead Reduction Program has five main components, including:

- pH adjustment
- Inventory map of customer-owned lead service lines
- Lead service line replacement
- Filter program
- Ongoing communication, outreach and education programs

There are 714 properties in Littleton that may have lead service lines. A letter from Denver Water was sent to these properties in late May. For more information visit denverwater.org.



Virtual Permitting

The City of Littleton enacted a virtual permitting program in April for occupied residential projects. It is designed to address the needs of citizens and contractors through the performance of virtual or video inspections. Performing video inspections helps to ensure continued progress of construction projects, while also ensuring the safety of staff and customers through compliance with social distancing and no-contact guidelines.

Inspection staff connects with customers using a variety of no-cost video applications and guides customers through the inspection process, verifying compliance by observing components and systems in the video. Staff and customers communicate in real time to ensure that all aspects of the projects are observed for compliance. The program has been very successful, and customers have expressed appreciation for the ability to continue their projects while remaining safe in their homes.



Best of Show per·spec·tives May 22 – July 19, 2020

The Littleton Museum launched a new exhibit called, per•spec•tives. It features the work of the 2019 Best of Show artists, Courtney Cotton and Gabrielle Graves. While both artists' body of work focuses on the idea of perspectives, each artist approaches it with her own unique emphasis and skillset.

The exhibit opened virtually on the museum website and social media. Follow the Littleton Museum on Facebook and Instagram, or visit the museum's exhibits page for updates.

In addition to the online version, fun updates will be scheduled on Fridays to keep the audience engaged with the exhibit throughout its run. This will include artist talks, virtual tours, insights on specific works, etc.

Museum at Home

Check out the Museum at Home page on the Littleton Museum's website.

www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/littleton-museum

Find activities for all ages that can be done at home.

BEYOND BOOKS...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.marmot.org

Imagine Your Story—Summer Reading 2020*

It's time to *Imagine Your Story*. Bemis has a summer reading program for every reader—children, teens and adults. Details about each program and registration information is available online at bemis.marmot.org. Be sure to sign up for a chance to win prizes. Summer reading runs through August 9.

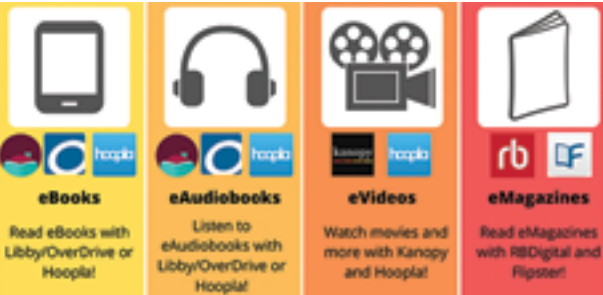
New Online Chat Service

The library has added a new chat service on the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org. Citizens can connect with a librarian to get help with ebooks and digital resources, recommended reading lists, online homework help and more. The chat service is open Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.



Bemis Digital Library is Always Open

Access ebooks, eaudiobooks, movies, digital magazines, music and more for the whole family with a Bemis library card. Don't have a card? Register for one online.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Imagine Your Story—Summer Reading 2020*

Imagine a wonderful summer of reading, enjoying the outdoors and participating in activities with the Bemis Summer Reading Program. Infants through children entering 5th grade may sign up online at bemis.marmot.org and earn prizes along the way. Meet reading goals based on age to receive a free book to keep.



Bemis Library Kid's Corner Videos

Bemis Children's Librarians are busy creating videos which feature short story times, early literacy tips and puppet shows. New creations premiere every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. See the videos anytime in the Bemis Library Kids' Corner playlist by searching YouTube for the LittletonGov channel.

A Walk in the Park...With a Story

Looking for a fun, outdoor family activity? Try *A Walk in the Park...With a Story*. Enjoy literacy, physical activity and the outdoors while strolling through Gallup Park. Laminated pages from a book are attached to signs placed along a path. Start at sign #1 near the southeast corner of the Bemis parking lot. Follow the numbered signs along the path to read the full story. Watch for a new story every couple of weeks.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Talk Tuesday—Every Tuesday, 4–5 p.m.

Hang out at the weekly Zoom meeting, talk with other teens and teen librarian Miss Emily. Play games, ask for help and get updates on what's happening at the library this week.



Board Games @ Your Home June 11 and July 9, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

The monthly Board Game night is online.



Teen Summer Reading Program Events*

Register online for the *Imagine Your Story* Teen Summer Reading Program.

June Teen Events:

- **Artists Assemble June 11, 2–4 p.m.***
In this free-form art program create art based around a shared theme.
- **Fantasy Trivia Smackdown—June 18, 2–4 p.m.***
See whose knowledge of fairy tales, myths and legends reigns supreme.
- **Mythcrafting—June 25, 2–4 p.m.***
Discuss what makes a myth and craft a legendary story.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Adult Summer Reading Program*

Imagine Your Story is the theme for all Bemis Summer Reading Programs. Register online.



Senior Social Club

Fridays in June and July, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Stay connected with Friday conference call chats.

Chicago: Biography of a City with Active Minds June 15, 2 p.m.

In this Active Minds webinar hear the story of the Windy City. Learn about the French explorers, missionaries, fur traders and Native Americans who lived in the region in the early 1800s. Discuss the politics, crime, food, culture and architecture of the “City of Big Shoulders.”



Music Concert: The Kilted Man June 27, 3 p.m.

Back by popular demand, see Matthew Gurnsey, The Kilted Man, in a virtual performance as he debuts his new album *Legends & Fairy Tales*.



Protect Your Skin from the Inside Out July 7, 2 p.m.

Hear how to achieve healthy skin through good food, nutrition savvy and sun protection from Luke Burns, nutritional health coach from Natural Grocers.



Women's Suffrage in the U.S. with Active Minds July 20, 2 p.m.

In August, the U.S. will recognize the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote with the 19th Amendment. Join Active Minds for this discussion of voting rights and current gender equality issues in the political process and leadership.

***Registration required.**
To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.

To register, participate, or join any of these programs go to the **Virtual Events Calendar** from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page of bemis.marmot.org.

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| Virtual Fiction Book Club July 2, 1 p.m. <i>The Magnetic Girl</i> by Jessica Handler | Virtual Nonfiction Book Club June 17, 1 p.m. <i>Flat Broke with Two Goats</i> by Jennifer McGaha July 15, 1 p.m. <i>Can't Nothing Bring Me Down</i> by Ida Keeling | Happiness Book Club June 27, 1 p.m. <i>Before Happiness</i> by Shawn Achor July 25, 1 p.m. <i>The How of Happiness</i> by Sonja Lyubomirsky |
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SUPPORTING COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

Small Business Resources

There are programs in place to help as small businesses grapple with the current and potential impacts associated with COVID-19. The Economic Development team at the City of Littleton is working to compile a constantly updated list of current programs, options and resources that are available to small businesses.

Additionally, the city's Economic Development team is providing a continuously updated list and map for restaurants, retailers and service-based businesses that are open and a directory of all business offering gift cards. Please check out all the resources available at Go2Littleton.com and remember to Always Shop Littleton.

Assist Littleton Businesses and Receive a State Tax Credit

The cities of Littleton and Englewood are partnering on a new South Metro Enterprise Zone Contribution Project encouraging contributions to assist businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations are now being accepted and will assist businesses in the Enterprise Zone. The Colorado Enterprise Zone Program is designed to promote a business-friendly environment in economically distressed areas. A map and address lookup of the South Metro Enterprise Zone for Littleton can be found at Go2Littleton.com.

The minimum donation is \$100 and 100% of all donations will be distributed to eligible businesses that apply for assistance. Donors will receive a 25% State of Colorado tax credit. Donations may be submitted through March 30, 2021.

"I know there are many people who want to help businesses that have been devastated by COVID-19," added Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes. "I support the Enterprise Zone Contribution Project because it's a great way for citizens to make a tax-deductible donation to help businesses in that zone to sustain and recover."

Donors will need to complete a brief contribution form and indicate "City of Littleton" on the memo line of submitted checks.



First RISE Meetings Held to Support Businesses

The City of Littleton brought together business owners and community leaders to Recover, Innovate, Stabilize, and Envision (RISE) the short- and long-term economic recovery from COVID-19. The first meeting of RISE was held April 28 and two more have been led by Mayor Valdes and Council Member Driscoll with the goal of identifying operational obstacles for businesses to succeed.

The full impact of COVID-19 is still unknown but it has affected every sector of the city. The City of Littleton has invited business leaders to discuss strategies and develop initiatives to get Littleton's economy moving again. While there are still many unknowns, the city is ready to adapt and evolve as the status of COVID-19 unfolds. The topics under consideration include: state and federal advocacy for resources and relief, streamlined processes and guidance for phased re-opening, focused business models to reflect the changing environment, coordinated business recovery planning, one-on-one business coaching, workshops, training, technical assistance, webinars, and more. For more information about RISE, call 303-795-3725. Members include representatives from these Littleton businesses: Aspen Grove Lifestyle Shopping Center, Downtown Dinners, FirstBank, Harley's: A Hot Dog Revolution, Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association, Reinke Bros Inc., Inside Scoop Creamery, iN-TEA, Littleton Business Chamber, Love INC of Littleton, Lucile's Creole Café, Manna Bakery & Deli, Memory Lane Salon and Bridal Studio, NoNo's Café, Red Stone Bank, Rocker Spirits LLC, Romano's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, Social Bar & Lounge, The Shack, Vandel Antiques, and ViewHouse Littleton.

To view meeting agendas, recordings and other updates visit Go2Littleton.com.



Business Recovery Grants Awarded

The City of Littleton has awarded 60 Littleton businesses \$2,500 each in the first round of the Littleton Business Recovery Grant program. Each of the businesses met eligibility requirements and were able to demonstrate economic injury due to COVID-19. The awards were considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The funds must be used for operational needs such as lease/mortgage payments, payroll, materials, supplies and services. The city council and staff continue to work on other relief programs. Visit Go2Littleton.com for more information.

